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## THE HUMAN GLUTTON

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IMAL GORMANDIZERS.

His Ability to Outeat Anything Else  
In Creation, Size and Opportunities  
Considered—Appetites of Birds,  
Beasts and Man.

So commonly are persons of large ap-  
petite upbraided as gluttons or gormandizers  
that the question suggests  
itself, Are these illustrations accurate  
or must they be accepted by natural-  
ists with the same qualification that be-  
longs to such comparisons as "silly as a  
goose," "blind as a bat," "timid as a  
hare" and many others equally popular  
in every day talk? Those who have  
studied such creatures know that gluttony  
often display undeniable cunning; that  
bats, though endowed with senses of  
which we have no equivalent, are not  
blind and that hares can at times be  
most pugnacious.

From the general contemplation of  
whether these and other animals so de-  
scribed are greedy out of the common  
run, it is but a step to the problem  
whether any living beast or bird, rep-  
tile, fish or insect, is actually greedier  
than the greediest man, writes T. G.  
Adams in the Pall Mall Magazine.

Obviously, it is fair in such a com-  
parison to take the case of the man  
who can and does eat more than his  
fellows, because such a man, disagree-  
able though he may be from one stand-  
point, is undeniably more natural than  
those who, bowing to the verdict of the  
medical attendant or restrained by con-  
siderations of polite behavior, habitually  
eat less than they could if they were  
to continue eating until unable to swal-  
low more.

The whole system of feeding in our  
artificial lives is quite distinct from that  
adopted in the rest of the animal  
world and doubtless also from that  
which was in vogue with the cave men.  
Able by various devices to procure our  
food as required, we have appointed  
certain feeding times, and at these we  
rigidly take our meals—breakfast,  
luncheon and dinner.

The wild creatures of nature know  
no such restraint. The birds in our  
garden are always pecking at the lawn  
for worms or at the boughs for berries.  
The latheric cattle in the meads when  
not actually grazing are ruminating,  
which is grazing over again. The cat-  
terpillars on our rose trees, the ants in  
our storeroom, are always at table.  
Only civilized man and his domestic  
animals know the formality of meal-  
times. And so it is throughout nature  
with all the four footed and winged  
creatures.

In considering the appetites and  
tastes of man and the lower animals it  
is of importance to distinguish in ev-  
ery class between the gluttons (the  
word is used conventionally and with-  
out prejudice) and the epicures, more  
happily differentiated by the French as  
gormandizers and gourmets, the former  
of which prefer quantity, while the lat-  
ter are all for the quality of their food.  
The human race furnishes innumera-  
ble examples of both. Haydn, the  
composer, would sometimes order six  
covers for dinner and dine alone. One  
king of England died after a surfeit of  
lampreys; the undoing of another was  
an excessive meal of peaches and new  
ale.

With these may be ranked Sporo-  
gambi, a human hog, who ate 2,000  
yards of macaroni at a sitting, and  
Domery, the Pole, who in the pres-  
ence of witnesses devoured in one  
morning fourteen pounds of raw beef  
and almost the same weight of tallow  
candles.

These are the gluttons, and if we  
compare Domery's feat with the daily  
meal of a full grown working elephant  
weighing five or six tons—namely, 130  
pounds of vegetable food—we find the  
man the greedier of the two.

The epicures are less repulsive. A  
former Duke of Portland, who paid  
high prices for red mullet and ate only  
the livers, was a benefactor of trade,  
and the famous Comte de Brossin  
who despised mushrooms unless their  
flavor had been brought out by his  
mule treading on them, likewise en-  
tertained in princely style and made an  
art of eating.

Every class of animals has its ex-  
amples of these two categories. With  
the epicures we may class the giraffe;  
with the gormandizers the vulture.

The following selection will approxi-  
mately serve to illustrate by more or  
less familiar animal types the two  
classes:

Gluttons.	Epicures.
• Mole.	• Giraffe.
• Bear.	• Aard wolf.
• Pig.	• Ant eater.
• Hyena.	• Sperm whale.
• Killer whale.	• Manatee.
• Hornbill.	• Osprey.
• Vulture.	• Humming birds.
• Cormorant.	• Gray millet.
• Sea gull.	• Bees and wasps.
• Python.	
• Sandpiper.	
• Burying beetle.	
• Shark.	
• Living food.	• Carrion.
• Vegetarian.	

It must also be remembered that the  
man who eats immense meals lacks  
the excuse of these heavier feeders in  
the wild life. The mole, the vulture,  
the python and the shark have excel-  
lent reason for eating all they can  
when a rare chance offers. They may  
have gone long without a meal, and  
there is no instinct to tell them when  
they will get another, whereas a man  
knows quite well at luncheon that  
within six or seven hours he will be  
dining.

The mole, like the little shield tailed  
snakes of Ceylon, which hunt the same  
food, has to work like a slave, digging  
and tunneling and undermining acres  
of surface soil in its pursuit of the  
worms, and all this labor must breed  
a hearty appetite.

The vulture and the python are so  
sluggish in their movements that the  
latter more particularly, lacking the  
bird's taste for carrion is often com-  
pelled to go hungry for weeks.

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Again, while greediness is a term of  
reproach among ourselves, it is impos-  
sible to glance down the preceding ta-  
ble with the same feeling of distaste,  
for we know that some of the greed-  
iest among these are nature's appoint-  
ed agents for the resolution of matter,  
which otherwise would taint the at-  
mosphere and poison mankind, into its  
harmless elements.

There are other considerations which  
distinguish the greed of the lower an-  
imals from the greed of man. In the  
case of the great python, for instance,  
and, in fact, of all serpents, more or  
less, the teeth are so stunted in the  
jaw that the reptile is bound to eat all  
there is and is debarred from leaving  
off when its victim is only half de-  
voured.

Some years ago one of the largest  
serpents in the zoological gardens ate  
another, almost as large, which had  
previously shared its compartment.  
Much was said and written at the time  
of the offensive "greediness" of the  
creature, but in point of fact its in-  
clination had less to say to the result  
than its anatomy. If, for instance, the  
two started on the same rabbit, one  
seizing the head, the other the stern,  
the larger would have no choice when  
they met halfway across but to swal-  
low its smaller fellow.

So specialized are some animals in  
their food that even the two sexes have  
different views on the subject of what  
to have for dinner. As a curious con-  
trast to the collaboration of the male  
and female luna may be cited that  
of the male mosquito, which sucks only  
the juices of plants, while the female  
must feed on the blood of animals.  
The nursery rhyme touching the di-  
vergent appetites of Jack Sprat and  
his wife is totally eclipsed by such dis-  
agreement.

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## ECCENTRIC PARSONS.

STORIES OF ENGLISH CLERGYMEN  
WITH ODD WAYS.

A Rector Who Had a Mania For Col-  
lecting—A Curate Who Made a Coat  
Last Forty-three Years—Remark-  
able Savings From Meager Incomes.

Many stories are told of an eight-  
eenth century Leicestershire parson,  
the Rev. Mr. Hagemore of Calthorn,  
who had a mania for collecting, says  
the London Tit-Bits. When he died he  
left behind him 50 gowns and cassocks,  
100 pairs of boots, 400 pairs of shoes,  
80 wigs (not one of which he had ever  
worn) and 100 pairs of breeches. In  
addition to this extensive wardrobe he  
had accumulated 30 wheelbarrows, 200  
pickaxes, 200 spades, 74 ladders, 58  
dogs, 80 wagons and carts, 80 plows  
(he never used one of them), 240 razors  
and an enormous number of walking  
sticks, for which a toy man gladly of-  
fered 48.

Mr. Hagemore had two servants, one  
of each sex, both of whom he locked in  
their bedrooms every night, and it was  
through this precautionary measure  
that he lost his life. As he was walk-  
ing in his garden very early one morn-  
ing his dogs leaped on him and threw  
him into a pond. The servants heard  
their master's cries for help, but as  
they were locked in they could not go  
to his assistance, and the reverend gen-  
tleman was drowned, his boardings go-  
ing to his next of kin, a London porter.

It is a good many years now since  
the Rev. John Trueman of Davenport  
departed this life, leaving behind him  
the snug fortune of £50,000, the accu-  
mulation of a miserably lifetime. Some  
remarkable stories are told of Mr.  
Trueman's miserly habits—how he  
would take turnips from his parish-  
ioners' fields and then beg pieces of  
bacon to boll with his purloined veg-  
etables and how he would invite him-  
self as guest to the houses of his flock  
in turn and pull the worsted out of the  
corners of the blankets to darn his  
stockings.

A more remarkable clerical miser  
still was the Rev. Morgan Jones, a  
Berkshire curate of a century or so  
ago. During the whole of Mr. Jones'  
forty-three years' curacy of Blewbury,  
it is said, a single coat and hat served  
him. When his coat showed too pal-  
pable signs of wear he would cut out a  
piece of its tails and patch the torn or  
worn part with it until in process of  
time the tails vanished altogether, and  
the quadrone coat was converted into  
a jacket, with a patch for almost every  
day in the year. When his hat similar-  
ly showed the ravages of time he ap-  
propriated the head covering of a scare-  
crow and used it for repairing the dam-  
age. His one and only suit underwent  
the same patching and renovation, its  
tails following those of the coat, while  
the curate's stockings underwent so  
many processes of darning that not a  
vestige of the original and only pair  
remained by the time he had no further  
use for them.

For the last twenty years of his life  
Mr. Jones' household expenses never  
exceeded half a crown a week. He in-  
variably retired at sunset to save the  
cost of candles, and in the coldest  
weather never allowed himself the lux-  
ury of a fire except on Sundays, and  
then the fire was made from sticks  
picked up in the roads and church-  
yard. His menu was limited to bread  
and bacon and tea, and a half quarter  
loaf lasted him a week. For little  
short of half a century this old clergy-  
man lived on his fees and saved his in-  
come of £80 a year, while subscribing  
liberally to religious societies and giv-  
ing many a pound to his needy parish-  
ioners.

What a thrifty parson can do on a  
miserly small income was shown by a  
one time curate of Thurst, in Cum-  
berland, Alexander Naughtley, whose  
entire income was £8 15s. a year. Mr.  
Naughtley lived absolutely alone, slept  
on a bed of straw and cooked his own  
scanty food, but he never failed to  
present a respectable appearance to the  
world, while not a word of complaint  
ever passed his lips.

A very eccentric parson was the Rev.  
Langton Freeman, an old time rector  
of Bilton, in Warwickshire, who left  
the following strange instructions for  
his funeral: "For four or five days  
after my decease I would not be re-  
moved out of the place or bed I shall  
die on, and then I would be carried or  
laid in the same bed in the summer  
house in my garden, to be laid in the  
same bed there and to be wrapped in a  
strong double winding sheet, the door  
and windows to be locked and bolted,  
the building to be planted around with  
evergreen plants and fenced off with  
iron or oak pales and painted of a dark  
blue color, and for the due perfor-  
mance of this and for keeping the build-  
ing, etc., always in repair I give to my  
nephew, Thomas Freeman, the manor  
of Whilton," etc.

Shortly before Dr. Donne's death he  
gave instructions for a large wooden  
urn to be made and then summoned an  
artist to paint his portrait in this  
fashion: "Several charcoal fires were  
made in his study, then Donne came in  
with his winding sheet in his hand.  
He wrapped himself up in the sheet,  
and thus appeared he placed himself  
on the urn, with his eyes shut and the  
sheet just sufficiently pulled aside to  
show his pale, emaciated face, which  
he turned toward the east, whence he  
expected the coming of the Saviour."  
When the picture was finished he  
caused it to be placed by his bedside,  
where it continued till his death.

Queer State of Affairs.  
Mrs. O'Brien—Phew! medicine did  
Mike find the best? Mrs. Reilly—Sor-  
rer a know O! know. He took so much  
at it he was sick for ten days after he  
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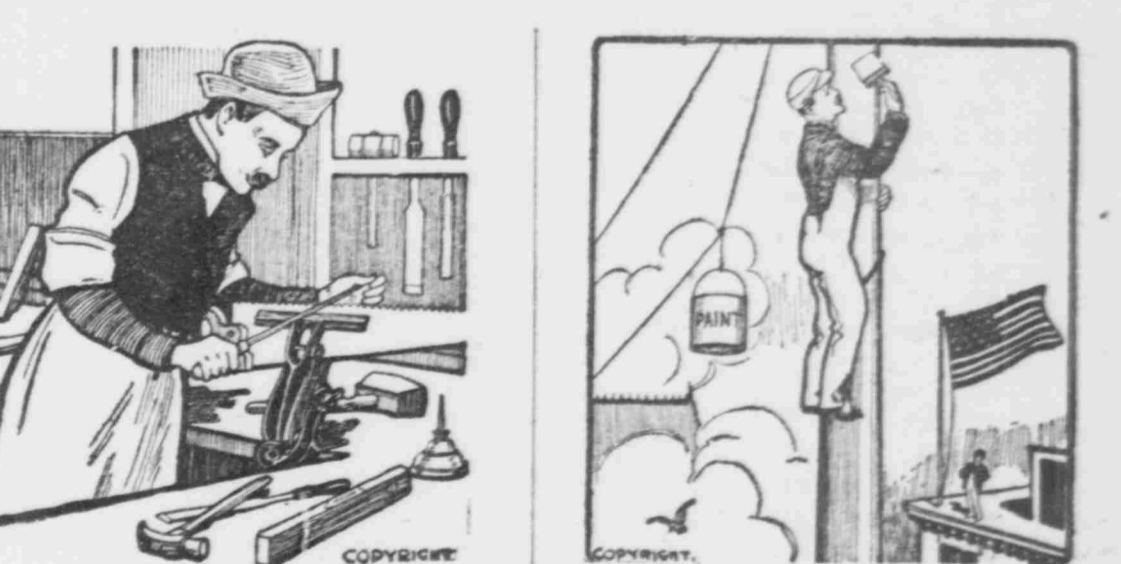
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